

Composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender: a quick guide

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This quick guide contains the most recent tables showing the composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender (see Tables 1 and 2 below). It takes into account changes in the New South Wales and Tasmanian parliaments since the last update was published on 16 April 2021.

New South Wales

Legislative Assembly

Following the [resignation of Michael Johnsen](#) (NATS, Upper Hunter) on 31 March 2021, the resulting by-election on 22 May 2021 was [won by David Layzell](#) (NATS).

On 13 May 2021 Gareth Ward (LIB, Kiama) [announced that he would remove himself from the Liberal party room](#) to sit as an independent while allegations against him were investigated.

Legislative Council

Following the [resignation of John Ajaka](#) (LIB) on 31 March 2021, the resulting casual vacancy was [filled by Peter Poulos](#) (LIB), who was sworn in on 6 May 2021.

Tasmania

The figures reflect the [results](#) of the state election held on 1 May 2021 for the House of Assembly and elections for the Legislative Council divisions of Derwent, Mersey and Windermere.

Following the [resignation of Adam Brooks](#) (LIB, Braddon) on 14 May 2021, a [recount was completed](#) on 3 June 2021 which resulted in the election of [Felix Ellis](#) (LIB).

Prior to the election there were 14 women in the House of Assembly (56 per cent), while afterwards there are 13 (52 per cent). The number of women in the Legislative Council remains unchanged at nine (60 per cent). The proportion of women in the Tasmanian Parliament as a whole has fallen slightly, from 57.5 per cent to 55 per cent.

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Table 1: Composition of Australian parliaments by party and gender (by chamber), as at 8 June 2021
 (includes any by-election results and any casual vacancies filled since the most recent general election in each jurisdiction)

	Cth (18.5.19)			NSW (23.3.19)			Vic. (24.11.18)			Qld (31.10.20)			WA (13.3.21)			SA (17.3.18)			Tas. (1.5.21)			ACT (17.10.20)			NT (22.8.20)			Total				
	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F
Lower House																																
ALP	39	29	42.6	19	17	47.2	30	25	45.5	31	21	40.4	27	26	49.1	12	7	36.8	3	6	66.7	4	6	60.0	7	7	50.0	172	144	45.6		
LIB	47	13	21.7	23	11	32.4	17	4	19.0				1	1	50.0	19	4	17.4	9	4	30.8	4	5	55.6				120	42	25.9		
NATS	14	2	12.5	10	2	16.7	4	2	33.3				3	1	25.0										5	3	37.5	5	3	37.5		
CLP																																
LNP												28	6	17.6														28	6	17.6		
GRN	1		0.0	1	2	66.7	2	1	33.3	1	1	50.0							2	100.0		3	3	50.0				8	9	52.9		
CA		1	100.0																									1		100.0		
KAP	1		0.0									3		0.0														4		0.0		
PHON												1		0.0														1		0.0		
SFF				2	1	33.3																					2	1	33.3			
IND	2	2	50.0	5		0.0	1	2	66.7		1	100.0				4	1	20.0		1	100.0				1	2	66.7	13	9	40.9		
Total	104	47	31.1	60	33	35.5	54	34	38.6	64	29	31.2	31	28	47.5	35	12	25.5	12	13	52.0	11	14	56.0	13	12	48.0	384	222	36.6		
Upper House																																
ALP	10	16	61.5	10	4	28.6	7	10	58.8				9	13	59.1	5	3	37.5	3	2	40.0							44	48	52.2		
LIB	20	11	35.5	8	3	27.3	7	3	30.0				6	1	14.3	5	3	37.5	1	3	75.0							47	24	33.8		
NATS	1	3	75.0	4	2	33.3	1	100.0				3		0.0														8	6	42.9		
CLP																												1		100.0		
GRN	3	6	66.7	1	2	66.7	1	100.0				1		0.0	1	1	50.0											6	10	62.5		
AJP				1	1	50.0	1		0.0																			2	1	33.3		
ASA																1		0.0										1		0.0		
CA	1		0.0																									1		0.0		
CDP				1		0.0																						1		0.0		
DHJP							1	1	50.0																			1	1	50.0		
DSP													1		0.0													1		0.0		
JLN		1	100.0																									1		100.0		
LCWA													1	1	50.0													1	1	50.0		
LDP							2		0.0																			2		0.0		
PHON	1	1	50.0	2		0.0																					3	1	25.0			
RV							1	100.0																				1		100.0		
SA							1		0.0																			1		0.0		
SAB																1	1	50.0										1	1	50.0		
SFF				2		0.0	1		0.0																			3		0.0		
TMP							1		0.0																			1		0.0		
IND	1		0.0	1		0.0	1	1	50.0							1		0.0	2	4	66.7						6	5	45.5			
Total	37	39	51.3	30	12	28.6	22	18	45.0				21	15	41.7	14	8	36.4	6	9	60.0						130	101	43.7			

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	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F	M	F	%F			
Total Parliament																																	
ALP	49	45	47.9	29	21	42.0	37	35	48.6	31	21	40.4	36	39	52.0	17	10	37.0	6	8	57.1	4	6	60.0	7	7	50.0	216	192	47.1			
LIB	67	24	26.4	31	14	31.1	24	7	22.6				7	2	22.2	24	7	22.6	10	7	41.2	4	5	55.6				167	66	28.3			
NATS	15	5	25.0	14	4	22.2	4	3	42.9				6	1	14.3													39	13	25.0			
LNP										28	6	17.6																28	6	17.6			
GRN	4	6	60.0	2	4	66.7	2	2	50.0	1	1	50.0	1		0.0	1	1	50.0	2	100.0	3	3	50.0				14	19	57.6				
AJP				1	1	50.0	1		0.0																			2	1	33.3			
ASA																1		0.0										1		0.0			
CA	1	1	50.0																									1	1	50.0			
CDP				1		0.0																						1		0.0			
CLP	1	100.0																				5	3	37.5				5	4	44.4			
DHJP							1	1	50.0																			1	1	50.0			
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TMP							1		0.0																			1		0.0			
IND	3	2	40.0	6		0.0	2	3	60.0		1	100.0				5	1	16.7	2	5	71.4				1	2	66.7	19	14	42.4			
Total	141	86	37.9	90	45	33.3	76	52	40.6	64	29	31.2	52	43	45.3	49	20	29.0	18	22	55.0	11	14	56.0	13	12	48.0	514	323	38.6			

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NOTES

- (1) Date shown beside each jurisdiction is for the latest general election.
- (2) Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory do not have an Upper House.

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ALP - Australian Labor Party; LIB - Liberal Party; NATS - Nationals; LNP - Liberal National Party (Qld); CLP - Country Liberal Party (NT); GRN - Greens;
IND - Independents; AJP - Animal Justice Party; ASA - Advance SA; CA - Centre Alliance; CDP - Christian Democratic Party; DHJP - Derryn Hinch's Justice Party;
DSP - Daylight Saving Party; JLN - Jacqui Lambie Network; KAP - Katter's Australian Party; LCWA - Legalise Cannabis Western Australia; LDP - Liberal Democratic Party;
PHON - Pauline Hanson's One Nation; RV - Reason Victoria; SA - Sustainable Australia; SAB - SA Best; SFF - Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party; TMP - Transport Matters Party.